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Attn: Ms. Bonita Lavelle

Subject: OU3 RI/FS of the Libby Asbestos Site
Monthly Progress Report – January 2008

Dear Bonnie:

This progress report describes work completed for the month of January 2008, in accordance with Section IX of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study dated September 2007. A discussion of the actions taken, sampling results, planned activities, modifications, and problems encountered, potential issues, anticipated delays, and solutions developed is provided below.

A. ACTIONS TAKEN

The following is a summary of the actions taken and progress made during the month of January.

- Performed research and review of site information to be used in support of upcoming RI/FS activities, including OU3 groundwater well rehabilitation, Phase II sampling, and preliminary development of the OU3 conceptual site model.
- Participated in a conference call on January 24 with EPA Region 8, SRC and NewFields concerning the proposed scope of surface water sampling to be performed in 2008 as Phase IIa of the OU3 RI.

B. SAMPLING RESULTS

All analytical results for mine waste, soils, sediment and surface water samples collected during Phase I (collected from October 2 through October

22, 2007) have been issued by the laboratories and are being validated and entered into the OU3 database by SRC and NewFields. As of February 7, 2008, no results for Libby Amphibole analysis of tree bark or forest floor litter/duff samples had been received.

A report prepared by Dr. Paul Sheppard of the University of Arizona Tree Ring Research Laboratory on the age dating of cores from select trees from which tree bark was collected during Phase I RI sampling was submitted to EPA on January 3, 2008.

C. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

The following tasks are scheduled to be performed over the next two months.

- Participate in Ecological Task Force meetings at MWH offices in Salt Lake City (planned for February 28, 2008).
- Review and comment on OU3 Phase IIa Sampling and Analysis Plan.

D. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/POTENTIAL ISSUES/ANTICIPATED DELAYS/SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED/IMPLEMENTED

Weather station power supply. The OU3 weather station is currently on-line and transmitting. On January 29, a technician replaced the power regulator that recharges the batteries. The system was off-line for only one hour during the repair. The unusually high snowfall and cloud cover this winter has made it hard to keep the system batteries charged. As the days lengthen and the weather improves over the coming weeks, the solar panels should continue to keep up with the power needs. A plan is in place to check the power draws on the instruments to verify they match the specifications.

If you have any questions regarding this progress report, please call Bob Marriam at (901) 820-2023.

Sincerely,



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